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### **MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 1 ASHBURTON PLACE, ROOM 1301, BOSTON, MA**

### **September 26, 2013 MINUTES**

Massachusetts State Athletic Commissioners Present: Commissioner Guy Licciardi, Commissioner Gary Litchfield and Commissioner Joe Esposito

State Athletic Commissioners Absent: Chair LaTeisha Adams and Commissioner Joseph Krowski, Jr.

Guests: MMA Matchmaker Mike Polvere

The Acting Chair Gary Litchfield called the meeting to order at 11:30a.m.

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Esposito to approve the minutes for the August 8, 2013 meeting; it was seconded by Commissioner Licciardi (approved 3-0).
2. Reviewed the suspension lists for August 17, 2013, September 7 & 14, 2013 events Commissioner Esposito made a motion to approve all and seconded by Commissioner Licciardi (all approved 3-0).
3. Reviewed the event applications for Michelle Riley on October 19, 2013, Danny Kelly on October 26, 2013 and Jesse Camp on November 15, 2013. Commissioner Esposito made a motion to approve all applications, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi (all were approved 3-0).
4. Reviewed the applications from John Ruiz for a MMA Promoter & Matchmaker license. A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi and seconded by Commissioner Esposito to approve the promoter license application (approved 3-0). A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield and seconded by Commissioner Esposito to approve the matchmaker license application (approved 3-0).
5. Cole Miller's request for a reversal of the decision from the UFC August 17, 2013 event – UFC fighter Cole Miller was present via telephone for this item on the agenda. Mr. Miller felt that his opponent (Manny Gamburyan) on the night of August 17, 2013 was given an unfair advantage because of the amount of time between the first and second round and that a similar situation had occurred in Massachusetts in April of 2012 and the decision was changed by the Commission; also the doctor had to evaluate the Mr. Gamburyan twice before the second round began.

Acting Chair Litchfield advised Mr. Miller that the Commission would review the tape and make a decision to either vote at this meeting or wait for the full Commission to vote and they will notify him in writing of their decision. Mr. Miller then ended his call and the Board reviewed the video of the fight.

After viewing the video Commissioner Esposito made a motion that based on the video there was not enough evidence for a reversal of the decision, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi (all agreed 3-0).

The staff will send a written notice to Cole Miller.

6. UFC Drug Test Results – Commissioner Licciardi reported that all eight fighters tested were within normal limits based on our ringside physicians' review of the results.
7. New Business: Billy Keenan Extension on Payment of Fine – Commissioner Esposito made a motion not to lift the fine, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi (approved 3-0).

Terrel Clark-Forged Medical – Commissioner Esposito made a motion to fine Mr. Clark \$1,000 and he must come before the Board with all new medicals if he wants to apply for a license again, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi (approved 3-0).

Next Meeting Date Change – The next Commission meeting will be held on October 24, 2013.

William Mason MMA Referee Application – Commissioner Esposito made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi (approved 3-0).

Review Michael Polvere's Fight Card – Commissioner Esposito made a motion to approve card, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi, (approved 3-0).

Birth Certificate for Fighter on September 28, 2013 event – Commissioner Licciardi made a motion to allow for one of the fighters on the 9-28-2013 fight card to provide our office with his birth certificate within 7 days after the event, by October 4, 2013 at 5:00p.m. Commissioner Esposito seconded the motion, (approved 3-0).

Commissioner Esposito would like to have future discussions on the following issues: When does a round end and begin; making it back to your corner on your own and ankle wrapping.

A motion was made by Commissioner Esposito to adjourn at 1:39p.m., seconded by Commissioner Licciardi.